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Tree-thinners job status may change

By BOOMER SLOTHOWER
Montana Kaimin Legislative Reporter

HELENA—A bill that pits the timber industry against organized labor may, in the end, have only one loser—the college student.

Senate Bill 226 is an attempt by timber interests, specifically Champion International, to exclude the people hired as tree-thinners during the summer months from the definition of "employees" and allow them to be considered as independent contractors. As independent contractors, the tree-thinners would have to provide their own equipment, transportation and insurance.

The tree-thinners, mostly college students, were considered independent of the company until a recent decision by the state Employment Security Division. Since then, the thinners have been considered employees and subject to laws regulating employment.

At a hearing before the Senate Labor and Employment Relations committee, Bill Kirkpatrick of Champion said unless this bill is passed, the tree-thinning program will probably have to be abandoned.

"The cost would be absolutely prohibitive," he said. The company would have to provide supervision, transportation and equipment, he said, and pay the thinners an hourly wage rather than on a contract basis.

Dropping the program would not only be harmful to the thinners, many of whom need the money to continue their education, but would also be detrimental to the timber industry, Kirkpatrick said.

Robert Holding of the Montana Wood Products Association echoed those sentiments. The future of the forests depends on the second growth, he said, and thinning is vital for a quality second growth.

But not all those present saw the bill as a panacea. Don Judge of the state AFL-CIO called it "pork-barrel" legislation. The intent of the bill, Judge said, is to lower costs for employers.

As the employer of the thinners, he said, Champion would have to pay into the workmen's compensation fund for them. If anything happens to them on the job, they are covered by workmen's compensation.

But, Judge said, by allowing them to be independent contractors, Champion is relieved of those payments. If anything happens to a tree-thinner, he said, the only place he would have to turn to is the uninsured employers' fund, which, he added, "is broke." The state has been using money from the workmen's compensation fund to cover the uninsured employers' fund, Judge said.

"The issue is whether we are going to continue to dismantle the unemployment compensation act by excluding large groups of employees," Judge said.

Tim Lovely of the Missoula County Central Labor Council, called the measure "a welfare bill for Champion International." It "punishes working people so Champion can make more profit," he said.

In a discussion after the hearing, Kirkpatrick argued that the additional cost of having the thinners as employees would mean the end of the program. There is only so much money budgeted to the Forests' Division, he said, and the additional cost of thinning could not be justified.

Judge again took issue with Kirkpatrick. According to union representatives in the timber industry, he said, the argument that Champion will have to drop the thinning program is "baloney. If these guys are serious about wanting to improve the value of their timber, they're going to keep thinning," Judge said.

Even if the industry does not stop the programs entirely, it is conceivable that it would cut back on the number of thinners it employs if the bill is not passed.

If the bill is passed, thinners may have to acquire individual worker's compensation policies. These cost about \$18 for every \$100 earned.

The committee took no action on the bill yesterday.

Enrollment up from year ago

The number of full-time equivalent students at the University of Montana has increased by 225 over last Winter Quarter and the total number of students has increased by 268, according to the University Relations/Publications and Media Relations office.

There are 8,071 FTE students attending UM this quarter out of a total of 8,846 students.

The total number of FTE students is figured by dividing all the graduate credits by 12 and dividing all the undergraduate credits by 15, then adding those figures together.

The Board of Regents considers 12 to be the average credit load for a graduate student and 15 as the average load for undergraduates. FTE student totals are used to determine the university's share of legislative funding.

The enrollment figures show that there are 88 fewer FTE students and 38 fewer students in total than there were Fall Quarter.

Phil Bain, registrar, said 54 percent of UM's students are men and 46 percent are women this quarter.

According to the Associated Press, Montana State University's total number of students has increased by 615 since Winter Quarter 1980. A drop of 73 students from last quarter was recorded at MSU.

Compromise in works for forestry station budget

By CATHY KRADOLFER
Montana Kaimin Legislative Reporter

HELENA—Legislators and the University of Montana began working out a compromise for funding the Forestry Experiment Station yesterday—a compromise legislators want to attach some strings to before any money is allocated.

Those strings include stipulating that no money will be appropriated unless a \$600,000 grant for a building at the Lubrecht Experimental Forest is awarded, and directing the School of Forestry to solicit donations for research from the wood products industry, or face the possibility of no money in 1983.

In hearings last week before the Legislature's Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Forestry Dean Ben Stout, wood products representatives and alumni voiced their support for increasing the forestry station's research budget by providing an additional \$860,000 and 18 faculty and staff positions. The committee decided against the full request and recommended the station be given money only for the second year of the biennium, and then only if the grant for a building at Lubrecht is awarded.

"You don't have a building, why put all the people on board?" Rep. Esther Bengtson, D-Shepherd, asked.

But more apparent than its concern about appropriating money before the building issue is decided, is the committee's insistence that the experiment sta-

tion has not received the kind of support from industry that its counterpart at Montana State University has received from agriculture.

"I think it was obvious from the testimony that the woods people wanted more research from the school," Rep. Gene Donaldson, R-Helena and committee chairman, said recently. "But it was also obvious that those people should be making more of a commitment in terms of dollars than they have."

Both Donaldson and Sen. Harold Nelson, R-Cut Bank, said the Agricultural Experiment Station at MSU is an example of how private industry funds research that is useful to it. Research at the MSU station is funded in part by taxes from wheat, barley and fertilizer produced in the state.

Donaldson and Nelson would like the forestry station to work out a similar arrangement with the wood products industry.

"Industry must pay for part of the research; taxes can't pick it all up," Nelson said.

But Stout says that wood products people will not commit money to research until they first see support for research from the state.

Unlike the agriculture station, research at the forestry station has always been subject to the requests of private sources providing grants. State funding of the program, Stout says, would allow faculty to spend time researching questions that industry needs to know—questions such as how much wood the state

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Montana wolf population may increase, Ream says

"I've spent a lot of time in Montana's wilderness," a friend told Bob Ream, associate professor of forestry. "I find one thing missing in my experience—the howl of a wolf."

There is a good chance that wolves may start to make a recovery in Montana in the next decade, Ream, a member of the Wolf Ecology Project, told about 250 people attending a Wildlife Club meeting last night. Ream spoke after the showing of a movie about wolves, "Death of A Legend."

Ream said because of the amount of undisturbed wilderness in Montana, wolves may start to repopulate the state. However, undisturbed wilderness is vital to the wolf habitat and any kind of development in it would discourage an increase in the wolf population, he said.

The demise of the wolf population in Montana began with the slaughter of the buffalo and the introduction of livestock into the state around 1884. As wolves started to feed on ranchers' livestock, bounties were placed on wolves.

Every available means of destroying wolves was used: poisoning, shooting, trapping and burning pups in their dens. During the 35-year period from 1883 to 1918, bounties were paid on 80,730 wolves. In the 60 years from 1870 to 1930, wolves were all but exterminated in the western United States.

There has been an increasing number of wolf sightings in Montana since 1974, Ream said. Although these reports have not been verified by experts, it is

known that the wolf populations in Alberta and British Columbia are stable and wolves may start to migrate south into Montana, he said.

Wolf migration from Canada is probably the only way wolves would populate Montana, Ream said, because their re-introduction by humans would not be popular socially or politically.

Because livestock groups and much of the public see wolves as a threat, transplanting them in Montana would not be feasible.

There is a single wolf that is occasionally known to come into Montana from Canada. Ream and other researchers captured and radio-tagged the wolf in the North Fork Flathead River drainage.

Kishinea, the name given to the wolf, is a female which spends most of her time in Canada but has crossed the border into Glacier National Park twice.

Ream said he is hoping a male wolf will come into the area and mate with Kishinea.

Air quality: poor
particulate level: 126



opinion

On paraphernalia and oppression . . .

Government is not reason, it is force! Like fire it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master; never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action.

—George Washington
in his Farewell Address,
1796

It's doubtful that George Washington spent much time worrying about social problems of the future. He could not have predicted VD epidemics among teen-agers or rampant marijuana use among children.

He probably didn't know the difference between a "line" of cocaine or a "hit" of speed. But George was

able to foresee an even worse problem — the fact that it's extremely easy for government to become oppressive.

To most people, this is so obvious it need not be stated. But the state House of Representatives failed to consider that question when a bill to outlaw the sale, possession and advertising of drug paraphernalia passed third reading yesterday, 90-9. The bill now faces a hearing by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The bill is sponsored by Rep. John Matsko, R-Great Falls and a deputy sheriff. Matsko's reason for sponsoring the bill is that because certain types of drugs are illegal, the equipment used with those drugs should also be illegal.

Why should Montana allow such things as hash pipes, roach clips, cocaine spoons or rolling papers when they have no purpose other than to break the law?

Why indeed? Isn't it ridiculous to allow a person to buy a hash pipe in a record store when he's going to go right home and commit a crime with it?

Not necessarily. While the status quo always seemed to be a paradox, it served as an important indication that, just possibly, people were aware of the futility of making criminals out of those who use drugs. The fact that paraphernalia still is (at least for the moment) openly sold has been a hopeful, healthy sign that maybe people really do understand there is something wrong with a legal system that locks people up for getting loaded.

But getting away from the philosophical side of the question, there are plenty of other things wrong with this kind of legislation.

The chances of Montana's drug paraphernalia law being ruled unconstitutional are excellent. Enforcement of a similar law in Pennsylvania was recently ordered delayed by a U.S. District Court judge on grounds that it is unconstitutionally vague regarding what may not be sold. State senators should ask themselves whether this state needs unconstitutional legislation.

Related to the constitutionality question is the fact that the Montana bill

would make the sale of drug-oriented magazines, like High Times, illegal. This amounts to a direct ban on the possession and sale of literature, and no one needs to be told how that violates First Amendment principles.

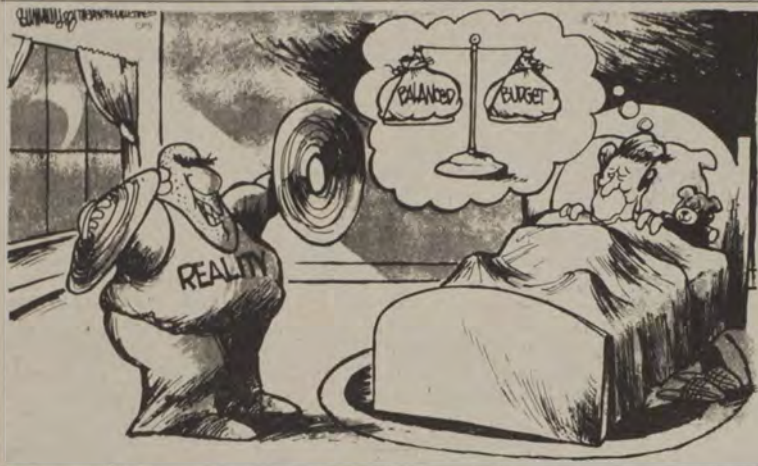
Supporters of Matsko's bill argue that because it's illegal to use certain drugs, it might as well be illegal to sell or possess magazines with pictures of drugs in them. What then? Might it not as well be illegal to write about drugs? Read about them? Or how about think about them? Will we need thought police to enforce that kind of law?

Although this kind of extreme speculation may not be warranted, it would indeed be foolish not to acknowledge the possible consequences of Matsko's bill.

Efforts like Matsko's attack the symptoms of social problems rather than the causes, and for that reason they will never be effective. There will always be drugs, drug paraphernalia and people who use them. The only effect of making them illegal is a drastic increase in the price people pay to get them and the price they pay when caught.

George Washington probably wouldn't turn over in his grave if he knew what the Montana Legislature is up to. But there's no doubt he would squirm in it.

Scott Hagel



letters

Optimism

Editor: Judy Smith's article in the most recent issue of the SAC helped me to gain a new optimism for the "women's movement." As far as my own political and personal beliefs are concerned I have not given up, but the "women's movement," like so many of other movements of this day, is weakening from the many dissensions within it.

It covers such a broad spectrum and it is hard not to have differences within it. Sometimes differences are important because they help us hear the needs of other people, but it is these same differences that is splitting the "woman's movement" apart and we've come too long a way to give up now.

J. Lewis
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Small errors

Editor: Although I think that overall Mike Crater is doing a fine job as news editor this quarter and Mark Grove is a good reporter, several small errors appeared in the article written by Mark last week about our self-reliant living center.

Although the article as a whole may have left the impression that the end result of our labor and planning in biodynamic/French intensive gardens would be enough food to sustain the occupants of three houses, this should only be viewed as a goal and not as any sort of accomplishment. Alan Chadwick supplied the knowledge to make such as goal realistic when he came to America in the 1960's from Europe with an extensive knowledge of traditional European horticultural practices. As if by magic he turned a soilless hillside at the University of California at Santa Cruz into the now famous student gardens that have started a revolution in American gardening. His secret comes from combining raised beds from the biodynamic technique pioneered in Austria in the 1920s with the French intensive method used to grow food outside of Paris in the 1890's. Studies done at Ecology Action's Common Ground Garden

in Palo Alto, Calif. show that in a six month growing season, a year's supply of vegetables for one person can be grown on a one hundred square foot bed.

This is impressive, but many questions remain. What percentage of a year's supply of vegies can be grown in Montana on a 5 x 20 ft. raised bed with a three, maybe four month frost-free growing season? How much more food will have to be grown to round out a vegetable diet, thus making small city gardens self-reliant? Can city folks adapt to the daily tasks involved in reaching food self-sufficiency? Our non-profit, soon to be tax-exempt, environmental education corporation is the best way we could find to answer these questions and others as thoroughly and as quickly as possible.

We do not know as yet whether or not it is more economical to grow your own food or purchase it at the supermarket. John Jeavons of Ecology Action expected to grow \$10,000 worth of food on a 1/10 acre garden in 1979. He says this could work out to four or five dollars an hour in wages to those who want to make a living in this manner. Again, this is the type of project we would like to test in a Montana climate.

We are working on three attached solar greenhouses as the article stated, but only one stands and will be ready for use this spring. And the Farmer's Market is our retail outlet for any surplus food and not the People's Market as reported. This situation may change though as the new People's Market storefront outlet is established.

Pamela Lee
Bill McDorman
Montana Center for
Self-Reliant Living

Canine hater club

Editor: Once again we have been beset by the canine-hater club of the U of M, which plans on the complete annihilation of the dog world on campus (sound familiar)?

These animal haters are far and few between at the university. However, they do

exist. Where do you find them? Off in some blank room with a picture of Adolf Hitler and a few of his prize SS officers, a framed picture of our former president, Richard M. Nixon, a couple of "roadside nature" photos taken on his last outing and a leather-bound copy of Mein Kampf resting under his pillow. This anti-animalist plots the demise of the entire canine species, while he uncontrollably scrapes a frozen doggie turd off his brand new tennies, i.e. probably high-top Adidas flanked by a matching "olympic style" jogging suit.

Yes, fellow students, because of this tenacious mutant we will be deprived of that little extra love, given to us so generously. Like the eager lick in the face that's wiped off immediately but has drawn an amicable smile or the warm sense of enjoyment felt as we watch the dogs frolicking around "Mammary Park," the chuckle of the classroom when old Seymour strays uncertainly into a classroom looking for his master and the just plain pleasure of scratching a dog behind the ear or petting him on the head thus acquiring a new friend.

It's the openness and earthy atmosphere that makes this campus unique. As we selectively eliminate these profound and distinguishable characteristics we'll suddenly find ourselves so fucking automated and capricious in nature that we'll soon be analogous to our state university counterparts. We are a liberal arts institution, let's not make it a retroactive one.

The school has now made a deal with the city to have the campus patrolled by the "real pound patrol," and with the aid of the self-styled vigilantes, will propose a severe problem to us dog lovers and owners. We must rise to the occasion to protect the furry and floppy-eared friends we've all come to love and cherish. The University of Montana's association with the city cohorts must be abolished and the dogs must be allowed to remain as indigenous to this campus as the grizzly on our Oval.

Jim Schechtman
senior, pharmacy

Don't cry

Editor: To whom it may concern, I have heard through various conversations with other students in the same field of study as myself that they have questions about the structure and the quality of certain courses.

I have not had this problem but I feel that there are other ways to deal with this problem than crying to other students and causing dissension.

If this is so much a problem you have the right to bend the ear of the department head and bring it to his attention, and hopefully resolving this problem. If you can find others that feel this way bring them all over to the white house on Eddy, the more the better. One does not have to put up with this, and since we as students are paying to be here we have the right to question and change certain areas if they are not up to expectations or are being handled wrong.

We owe it to not only ourselves but to our brothers and sisters in our field of study to have input in our field of study.

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Paraphernalia bill passes House 90-9

By BOOMER SLOTHOWER
Montana Kaimin Legislative Reporter

HELENA — If it is true, as the old saying goes, that you are what you read, then the time may be getting nearer when reading books or magazines on drugs may make you a criminal.

House Bill 300, which makes the possession, sale or advertising of drug paraphernalia illegal, passed on the third reading by a vote of 90-9. It will now go to the Senate Judiciary Committee. The hearing date in that committee has not yet been set.

The bill, based on a model drug paraphernalia act drafted by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, faced only token opposition during the floor debate. In fact, only one representative, Steve Waldron, D-Missoula, stood up in opposition to the measure.

Despite the overwhelming approval of the bill, some questions still remain about its broad scope. One area in particular that has led some to question the constitutionality of the measure is the section dealing with advertising. According to the bill, any person placing an advertisement for drug paraphernalia in a magazine, newspaper or other publication is guilty of a misdemeanor.

But Rep. John Matsko, R-Great Falls, said the scope of the law is larger than that. This bill would not exempt printers or publishers from liability, he said.

Paraphernalia laws are not doing so well in other states. A U.S. district judge in Pennsylvania ruled Friday that a similar law, also based on the DEA model act, was unconstitutionally vague and overly broad.

The same day, another federal district court judge issued a temporary restraining order against enforcement of a Pennsylvania statute prohibiting sales of paraphernalia. This law is "substantially the DEA's model act," according to Pennsylvania Deputy Attorney General Mary Ellen Krober.

Matsko said he believes that the model act will be upheld, possibly in the Supreme Court. The person who drafted the act studied past cases that contained language similar to what is in the act, in the area of definitions, and found that the language has been upheld, Matsko said.

The selling of magazines whose main focus is drugs could also be a misdemeanor, he said. Citing the magazine High Times as an example, Matsko said a "how-to book could be classified as an item of

paraphernalia" because its main intent is to help convert, produce or test an illegal substance. The liability of a magazine seller would have to be determined in court, he said, but added that "High Times, in the law enforcement sense, is a training manual."

House Minority Leader Dan Kemmis, D-Missoula, thinks the whole bill is "very silly." The bill is "an attack on the symptoms rather than the problem. By attacking the symptoms, you increase the scope of police action," especially in the area of search and seizure, he said.

This bill would allow a search and seizure of an item of paraphernalia, and only afterward would the question of intent arise, he said, adding that "we should be very careful about increasing the power of (the police)."

Kemmis said he did not oppose police action if a real threat to society exists. But none of the paraphernalia itself constitutes a danger, he said.

The easy passage of this bill and the popularity of similar bills "indicates a drift toward a police state," Kemmis said. It is ironic, he said, that a legislature directed toward less government interference in private lives is so strongly supportive of this bill.

Assistance in meeting winter fuel bills now available for low-income residents

HELENA (AP) — Low-income Montanans have become eligible for a total of \$12.8 million worth of assistance with winter heating bills, thanks to a new grant from the federal windfall tax on oil company profits, Gov. Ted Schwinden announced yesterday.

The, heat-bill money, available through local Human Resource Development Councils is intended to reduce the cost of heating to no more than 10 percent of any eligible household's income.

Bob Buzzas, who is overseeing the program for the state Department of Community Affairs, said the amount of assistance payments would be based on calculations including five pieces of information: family size, household income, type of fuel used, type of house structure and geographic location.

Schwinden said that priority for assistance will be given to the elderly and handicapped on fixed incomes because of their vulnerability to Montana winters.

Buzzas said the elderly and handicapped priority comes under provisions which ignore the first \$8,000 of their annual income in calculating the formula which

determines payment amounts.

"The cost of winter heat for those on fixed incomes, especially the elderly on Social Security, can be unaffordable when 20 to 50 percent of their earnings go to pay the heat bills," Schwinden said. "In a few instances, other necessities such as food, and medicine have been sacrificed."

For households not including the elderly or handicapped, only those with incomes below a poverty level established by the U.S. Labor Department are eligible.

For example, Buzzas said that assistance can be given to households with the following family sizes and annual-income ceilings: Single persons, \$4,870; two-member families, \$6,862; three members, \$8,854; four members, \$10,846; five members, \$12,838; and six members, \$14,830.

Buzzas said income must be verified and applications must be

made through the local Human Resource Development Councils.

Anyone receiving assistance will also be eligible for a federally funded home weatherization program designed to "hold the line on their rising fuel bills," according to a statement from Schwinden's office.

"Those who can least afford the dramatic increase in heat costs are also the ones whose health depends the most on adequate heat. Yet, often they live in the older, least energy-efficient homes whose utility bills are out of step with the average household's," Schwinden said.

He said the program may not exist next year and he encouraged those in need to obtain assistance as soon as possible.

Information is available from the local HRDC office or the state Citizens' Advocate Office on a toll-free telephone number, 1-800-332-2272.

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Alternative energy fund faces changes

By BOOMER SLOTHOWER
Montana Kaimin Legislative Reporter

HELENA — Montana's alternative energy research and development grant program has produced a wide variety of renewable resource projects in its five years of existence. But the program, funded by the state's 30 percent coal severance tax, is facing challenges from the 1981 Legislature.

Two bills introduced in the House would directly affect the ability of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, which administers the program, to give out grants. Another bill, introduced in the Senate, would reallocate the money currently going to the program to the state general fund.

House Bill 223, introduced by Rep. Jim Schultz, R-Lewistown, would reduce the amount of coal tax money given to the alternative energy program from 2.5 percent to 1.5 percent. The other 1 percent would go to soil conservation districts.

The House on Saturday postponed action on the bill, despite a "do pass" recommendation from the House Taxation Committee; the postponement came after numerous arguments about whether reallocation of any coal tax money would provide ammunition for opponents of the tax. Changing its uses would strengthen arguments of out-of-state and industry opponents that the tax is not necessary, legislators opposing the bill contended.

Schultz has until tomorrow, when the House will again consider the bill, to look for other sources of funding for conservation districts and to amend the bill, if he wants.

House Minority Leader Dan Kemmis, D-Missoula, offered an amendment Saturday that would give the conservation districts 1 percent of the coal tax revenue that goes to the state general fund, rather than using revenue from the alternative energy fund.

The main argument for the bill, both in the committee hearing and the floor debate, centered on the need for more funding for soil conservation districts — a need noted by both opponents and proponents. Increased water use and growing populations in the districts have prompted the need for additional funds, proponents said.

Opponents, however, argued that the alternative energy program is not the place to find funds for the conservation districts because the program's sole source of funding is the coal tax revenue. On the other hand, they said conservation districts receive coal tax money, as well as money from the state's general fund and the resource indemnity trust fund.

The alternative energy program would also be affected by House Bill 398, sponsored by Rep. Joe Quilici, D-Butte. The bill would restrict alternative energy grants to applicants who can show "very good potential for producing significant savings of non-renewable energy sources" and would allow the Environmental Quality Council to review the administration of the program.

Quilici said he is not opposed to alternative energy grants, but added he would like a little more accountability to the Legislature about where the grants are going.

"There's no evaluation of the program," he said. "We don't know to what extent the grants were utilized."

Originally, the bill would not have allowed grants to be used for either educational or demonstration purposes, both of which are focuses of the current program. However, during the House Natural Resources Committee hearing, Quilici offered an amendment allowing grants for these purposes if the projects can show high potential for saving significant amounts of non-renewable resources.

The final wording of the bill has not been decided yet, awaiting an amendment from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) that would allow grants for educational and demonstration purposes, even if no potential for significant savings could be shown, and one that would modify the Legislature's oversight power.

Opponents of the bill said giving the Environmental Quality Council the power to review the program would add another layer of bureaucracy to the program's administration.

Currently, three groups already review the program; the Legislature's Coal Tax Oversight Committee receives monthly accounts of expenditures by grant recipients, while two citizens' advisory boards review all applications for grants.

Two other areas, not addressed by this bill but which Quilici said he would like the program to deal with, are energy conservation and commercialization of effective alternative energy methods. Under current law, the program is not allowed to give grants for either of these areas.

"Maybe we should re-evaluate our priorities," Quilici said. "Conservation is a resource and who knows more about energy than some of the commercial interests?"

Rep. Kathleen McBride, D-Butte and a member of one of the citizens' boards that advises the program, testified against the bill, but agreed that including commercialization in the criteria for alternative energy grants would be a good idea. However, she added that not having given grants in this area in the past should not be a basis for condemning the project. And a bill introduced by Sen. Harold Dover, R-Lewistown, would allow grants in this area, she said.

While the two House bills deal primarily with the alternative energy grant program, Senate Bill 260 revises all the earmarked accounts in the coal severance tax. The bill would maintain the trust fund that gets half of the coal tax revenue and would still give some money to the local impact fund. But all other funds, about 46 percent, would go into the state general fund.

Sen. Pat Goodover, R-Great Falls, said his bill would not mean that the programs currently receiving money under the earmarked accounts would not get funding. The bill would just insure that the Legislature controls the funding.

"They would have to go through appropriations, just like everybody else," he said.

Goodover said he has no preconceived notions about where the money should go. Under his bill the potential exists for these programs to receive more money than they are currently allotted, he said.

"I'm sure that... every fund is probably finding that the earmarked funds are not enough," he said. Through the appropriations process, programs could come back to the Legislature for additional funding, he added.

The other side of that argument, according to John Orndorff, director of the grant program, is "who could tell if we would get any money at all."

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Peer advisers lend helping hand

By JIM MARKS
Montana Kaimin Reporter

Some general study students at the University of Montana are receiving a helping hand in making academic decisions from an innovative source—other students.

A system of peer advising was started Fall Quarter to help students who have not declared a major sift through the wide spectrum of classes at UM. The peer advisers are upper-division students who earn one credit for their work with the program.

Pete Zimmerman, senior in forestry, is one of the 16 peer advisers at UM. "We are pretty much like any other adviser. But we are more on a one-to-one basis, more on the same level with the students than the faculty are," he said.

"Student advisers are advantageous because you can know more about what the classes are like to take," Zimmerman added.

A student whose adviser is also a student, Pat Wilson, sophomore in business administration, said "the program worked real well for me. I liked it from the student standpoint."

"The peer advisers kind of see it from your point of view while the faculty comes from a teaching point of view. I could relate to a peer adviser more easily," he said. Kitty Corak, UM academic ad-

vising coordinator, said peer advising deals mainly with general studies students. The program was started, she said, to expand advising services to include more than the previous system of faculty advising allowed.

About 20 percent of UM students are general studies and non-degree majors, Corak said. These students had been going to scattered departments all over campus for advising, but "now the program provides contacts for all departments," she said.

She said that although the UM Advocates used to help with advising, a lack of organization did not let this program get off the ground. The peer advising program does not have this problem, she said.

"We try to sensitize peer advisers to the needs of the advisees so that the program can be successful. The peer advisers are overseen by Suzy McConnell, a graduate student in counseling," Corak said.

"The peer advisers get rave reviews from the people in the Center for Student Development. All comments have been positive. I feel real lucky that we got such a good bunch," Corak said.

McConnell said "Peer advisers take the time to get involved where faculty advisers don't have all of the necessary time. The peer advisers are putting their whole heart into it."

Corak said the peer advisers are selected from names submitted to the CSD office from departments on campus.

Once the student has been accepted, four hours of training workshops inform the student on registration procedures, catalog information and campus services. The adviser is required to have follow-up sessions with the advisee to make certain things are going well. The advisers meet once a month for discussion of their experiences.

Eldon Baker, chairman and professor of interpersonal communications, said "the peer advising program was something we should have been doing a long time ago."

However, Baker cautioned, "These people need to be coached and screened by the faculty. We need to communicate openly and well so that we don't split authority and responsibility."

"The faculty is sending over people that we know with open lines of communication and trust so that we don't delegate authority without responsibility."

Peer adviser Rebecca Cuff, senior in interpersonal communications, said the peer advisers can gain a great deal from the program.

"I'm finding out what my goals are. It helps me. It's a two-way street for both the adviser and the advisee."

BSU objects to Floyd introduction

By GREG GADBERRY
Montana Kaimin Reporter

The fact that a black will introduce ex-Klansman David Duke at his lecture this month will neither improve the speech nor should it stop opposition to it, Black Student Union President Rod Brandon said last week.

Brandon claimed that the introduction could shed bad light on blacks on campus.

"Why do they need a black introducing Duke?" Brandon said. "That may only add more fuel to the fire."

According to a plan adopted by Central Board last Monday, Duke will be introduced at the lecture Feb. 18 by Andre Floyd, a musician and former University of Montana student.

Floyd, 26, volunteered to make the introduction in hopes of calming an audience hostile to Duke.

Brandon, however, claims Floyd's speech could make it appear that blacks support Duke's

presence.

He said, "Floyd is not even a member of the Black Student Union, but people will assume that he is."

"It will make it appear that we support Duke. We don't."

He said that he was also angry because he was not informed about last Monday night's special CB meeting, when the board approved the plan to have Duke speak and to have Floyd introduce him.

Also, he said that Floyd's offer to introduce Duke made it easier for CB to allow the ex-Klansman to come.

"With a black introducing Duke, it made it easier on them," he said. "CB probably felt relieved that a black was speaking before Duke."

Now that CB has voted, Brandon said he would urge people to protest by ignoring the upcoming lecture.

He said, "Duke wants to have his ideas heard. I'm recommending that people just stay away from the

speech.

"The ideal thing now would be for Duke to come and for nobody to be in the audience. Of course, that probably won't happen."

Tickets to Duke's lecture are now on sale at the University Center Box Office — \$1 for students and \$2 for the general public.



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Himalayan hike just one adventure experienced by UM graduate in Asia

By CELIA GIBSON
Montana Kaimin Contributing Reporter

After sitting out a snowstorm and losing two days bushwhacking back to the main trail, Linda Underhill's cotton pants were in shreds from her 17-day Langtang Trek over a 17,000-foot pass in the Himalayas.

Underhill, a 1980 forestry graduate from the University of Montana, showed 130 slides of her travels through Burma, Nepal and Thailand last night in the University Center Lounge. Underhill spent almost a year riding trains and buses and backpacking there with a friend who is in the Peace Corps.

In between trips, Underhill works several jobs to stay busy and save money for her next venture. Right now, she works at Mammyth Bakery, an "alternative" health food restaurant on East Main Street.

On those workdays, she rises at

5 a.m. to make bread. Underhill is corresponding with a baker woman that she met in Taunggyi, Burma; they are exchanging recipes. She hopes that her perseverance in baking will enable her to someday open a bakery in Katmandu, a town in Nepal famous for its bakers' pies and cakes.

Underhill graduated from Yorktown High School in Arlington, Va. She got her first chance to travel at 18, when she enrolled in an American college in Switzerland. There she had the chance to go on several excursions to other European countries. She said her three-week trip through Russia was one of the most interesting. Mostly she remembers the children. They would approach Americans with their trinket-laden coats held open for trade; they especially want gum — a real luxury for socialist children, she said.

Since then, she has traveled

through Mexico and Central America, and summers spent with the Forest Service have taken her to a variety of places, including a firefighting job in the Bitterroot Mountains and a job as a wilderness guard in the Sierras.

When Underhill travels, she always takes her acidophilus pills, she said, so she can drink and eat the area's food.

Acidophilus is a kind of bacteria used therapeutically to protect the delicate intestinal floral balance in the stomach. She claims she has never been ill on a trip, even in the most unsanitary conditions.

Underhill said she only carried five days worth of food on her 17-day trip through the Himalayas. Her other meals were spent with village people eating lentils and rice, known locally as "dahl baht," and drinking milk tea. The best time for traveling, she said, is from October through March. April through June is too hot, and June through September is impossible for travelers because of heavy rains and leeches, she said.

Underhill said that in the Himalayas everyone travels by foot, and the maze of trails is marked for travelers with rock piles in the form of ducks, called cairns. Each village is four to five days apart, but she said it was not unusual to pass several people on route.

Back in Montana, Underhill said she likes to feel self-sufficient because she is not sure how long capitalism will continue to work. She devotes her time to sewing, baking and photography; a system of trade and barter works for her, she said. She has overhauled her car and bike and holds a workshop or "trade" a skill if she needs anything. She said she tries to learn everything she thinks might help her in getting a job someday or for just getting along.

Underhill is currently learning tutoring skills to help the Missoula-area Laotian refugees. She will be assigned a family to counsel and teach English and, in turn, wants to learn their Mhong language. Underhill said that if she returns to Thailand to spend time with her baker friend, she can use the language skill to help with the Laotian refugees who are there.

Underhill considers Montana her home base. She said she will always travel, but enjoys the wholesome, hearty lifestyle she believes Montana represents. "I feel like I'll never be trapped," she said.

Where will she go next? Underhill said she wants to take a bike tour through New Zealand.

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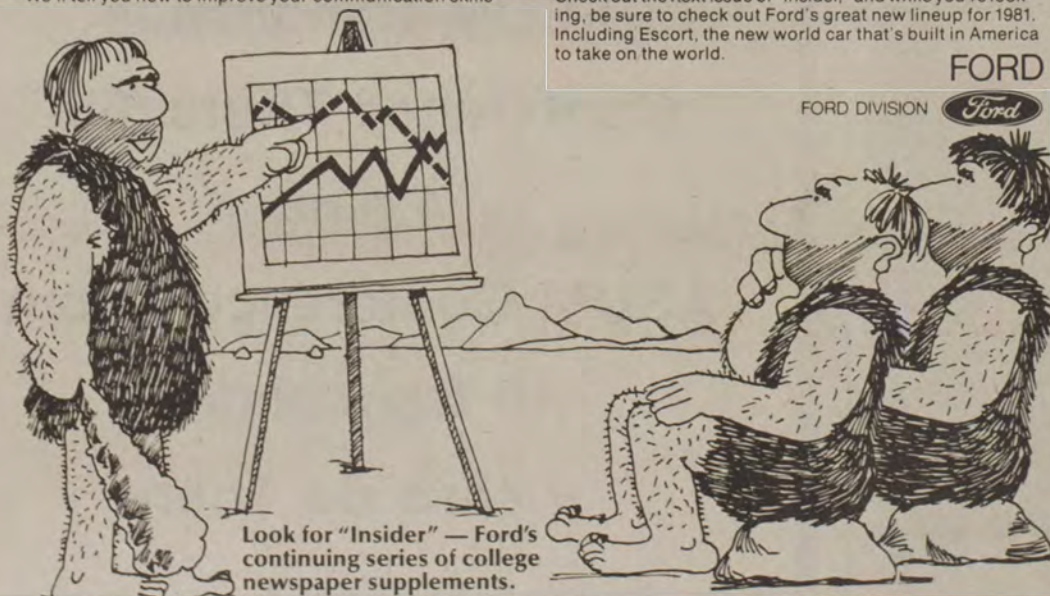
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Male enrollment increasing at colleges

College Press Service

In a reversal of recent trends and in defiance of almost all predictions, white males again have taken over as the majority of entering college students, according to Andrew Pepin of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

During the 1979-80 academic year, women for the first time comprised more than 50 percent of the American student population. While women are still in the majority, men are now apparently catching up.

"Part-time students, in addition to full-time minorities and women, were the facts that really kept the enrollment of the last decade up there," Pepin says, "but now the men are the major factor."

Statistics from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) confirm that the male student population has grown by 10.6 percent in the last academic year, while the female increase has been 8.5 percent.

Predictions made five years ago by almost every education

observer, including the NCES, suggested that college enrollments in general would start a decade-long slide in 1980, but schools instead are finding themselves with an average enrollment increase of 3.2 percent. An earlier University of Alabama estimate put the population jump at 5.1 percent. Enrollment would have been pushed up more by the influx of white males if not for a sharp drop in part-time students, explained the AASCU's Jacob Stampen.

Pepin adds that the inaccuracy of the predictions was due not to miscalculation, but to an inability to foresee the drastic effect of the economy on enrollment.

Pepin himself anticipated a drop in college enrollment proportionate to the drop in the number of high school graduates, but his formula, which proved dependable in the seventies, is too simplistic now because of monetary factors, he cedes.

"An 18-year-old man or woman

will often decide to go to school full-time when they cannot find a job in order to put off the job hunt until the market opens up." Additionally, he says, many young people find it more and more necessary to have better training in order to get a job at all.

Judith Stich, of the American Council on Education, attributes the jump in the numbers of male students to new campus recruiting. New methods have resulted in an older student population, Stich says that half the nation's college students this year are over the "traditional college ages" of 18 to 22. She also holds the economic situation responsible for the new trend.

"If you're out of a job, then you're not giving up anything to go to school," she says. "People who get laid off especially like to return to school to improve their skills so they won't get laid off again. A lot of college drop-outs are going to finish school, particularly at community colleges, for this reason."

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By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nuclear waste is conference topic

Gov. John Spellman of Washington will keynote a conference in Seattle Friday on regional handling of low-level nuclear waste.

The governor said yesterday he hopes the one-day workshop will speed the process of writing an interstate compact under which other states will be permitted to ship their radioactive wastes to Hanford.

Washington voters overwhelmingly approved an initiative last fall to ban shipments of non-medical, low-level nuclear wastes to Hanford after June 30. But the measure included an exemption for states in the region which sign a compact with Washington.

Weinberger may favor neutron bomb

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger indicated today he may favor deployment of neutron warheads, a move that would reverse a controversial Carter administration decision.

The controversy over deployment of neutron warheads, which would be placed on Lance missiles and eight-inch artillery guns in Western Europe, was one of the most heated of the Carter administration.

Schwinden proposes vehicle-tax cut

A proposal to cut motor vehicle taxes and compensate by raising oil taxes reached the Montana Legislature yesterday, with some bipartisan support.

The measure, proposed by Gov. Ted Schwinden, would boost Montana's severance tax on oil and at the same time abolish property taxes on cars and light trucks and replace them with a schedule of fees based on the age and weight of the vehicle.

Schwinden's proposal is at least the sixth bill for reducing auto taxes in the Legislature, but it is the only one that carries a method for replacing the lost revenue.

Tree-thinner ...

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will be producing in the future.

Stout said he thinks the subcommittee has shown it is willing to commit money to forest research by "at least accepting our proposal in principle." That support should make it easier to convince industry to spend more money on forest research at the station, he said.

Stout has proposed trimming \$350,000 from the \$860,000 request. The legislative fiscal analyst and the governor's budget office will go over the request before presenting it to the subcommittee for a vote sometime next week.

Weather or Not

The 747 continued its journey as Chris and Lisa were busily contemplating methods of halting their possibly fatal drop earthward.

"Lisa!" Chris shouted. "Can't you pull one of your fancy L.I.C.E. tricks to save us?"

"You should've asked me that before you got us out here!" Lisa retorted.

As the ground welled up before them, the castrated ram design on Chris's ring began to glow. "Lisa, the ring is acting up!" The ring burned an image into Chris's mind: a small mountain in the midst of patchy valley fog with a high of 35 and a low of 16. The pain of this psychic assault was too much for Chris to withstand; he blacked out. He awoke tangled in the branches of a tree. "Where are we?" he asked Lisa.

She pointed out a water tower that announced, "WELCOME TO COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA — Home of the Corn Huskers."

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